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SUBJ: MOJSOV ON ARMS LIMITATION

1. POPULAR WEEKLY "NIN" PUBLISHED ON FEB 24 AN INTERVIEW WITH YUGOSLAV DEPUTY FONSEC AND PRESIDENT OF THE 32ND UNGA LAZAR MOJSOV IN WHICH HE PRESENTS HIS VIEWS ON DISARMAMENT. BECAUSE OF MOJSOV'S UN POSITION AND HIS COMMENT, "I AM THERE (AT THE UN) ONLY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR COUNTRY", WE THOUGHT SOME OF HIS STATEMENTS MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES.

2. MOJSOV SEES A DEGREE OF PROGRESS TOWARDS ARMS LIMITATION AND DISARMAMENT AND ATTRIBUTES THIS TO A CHANGE IN THE ATTITUDES OF CERTAIN POWERS, ESPECIALLY FRANCE AND THE U.S. FRANCE HE SAID IS NO LONGER IGNORING THE QUESTION AND THE UNITED STATES HAS A NEW PRESIDENT WITH "DEEPLY MORAL VIEWS ABOUT PRECISELY THAT PARTICULAR SPHERE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS". MOJSOV ALSO CREDITS THE SOVIET UNION WITH HAVING ADJUSTED ITS VIEWS BUT NOTES THAT "THEY APPROACHED THE PROBLEM OF DISARMAMENT FROM A PROPAGANDIST STANDPOINT KNOWING THAT THAT IDEA WAS NOT

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PLEASANT EITHER TO CHINA, FRANCE OR AMERICA AND THEREFORE THERE WAS NO DANGER IT WOULD BE ENDORSED".

3. MOJSOV QUOTED FIGURES ON THE COST OF THE ARMS RACE NOTING THAT THE BURDEN FALLS HEAVILY ON THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUCH AS YUGOSLAVIA WHICH MUST DEVOTE A LARGE PORTION OF THEIR OWN BUDGETS TO DEFENSE. NEVERTHELESS THE EXPENSES OF THE DEVELOP-

ING COUNTRIES ARE JUST A DROP IN THE BUCKET COMPARED TO THE IMMENSE AMOUNTS THE SUPER-POWERS ARE SPENDING. MOJSOV NOTES THAT IN THE PAST TWO YEARS SOVIET INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION HAS DECLINED FOR "THE FIRST TIME SINCE STALIN'S GREAT FIVE-YEAR PLAN". THE AMERICANS, HE SAYS, CAN BETTER AFFORD THE ARMS RACE. MOJSOV THEN DISCUSSES THE NEUTRON BOMB: "THE AMERICANS ARE IMPOSING THE (ARMS) RACE BECAUSE FOR THEM IT IS EASIER PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB WOULD MEAN 100 THOUSAND MILLION DOLLARS MORE FOR MILITARY EXPENDITURES WHICH WOULD IMPOSE UPON THE SOVIET UNION A BURDEN OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES WHICH IT IS ALREADY HARDLY CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING. FROM A MILITARY POINT OF VIEW THE NEUTRON BOMB IS NOT NECESSARY AT ALL....IT IS MORE DETERRENT AS A MEANS FOR STIRRING UP THE ARMS RACE". MOJSOV WENT ON TO SAY POSSIBLY THE ARMS BUILDUP IS THE PRICE OF PEACE "FOR IN THE ABSENCE OF THESE TERRIBLE DESTRUCTIVE POTENTIALS A THIRD WORLD WAR WOULD HAVE BROKEN OUT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING THESE PAST THIRTY YEARS. THE FRIGHTENING ARSENAL OF DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS IS, IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING, A KIND OF PREVENTIVE MEASURE".

4. DUE TO YUGOSLAVIA'S ROLE AS BOTH OTHER AND MIDWIFE TO THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT WE QUOTE IN FULL THE FOLLOWING: "IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION WILL NOT MAKE A TURNABOUT OVERNIGHT. THE SESSION SHOULD, ABOVE ALL, DRAMATIZE THE PROBLEM, STRESS WHERE WE FIND OURSELVES NOW, SHOW THAT WE LIVE, SO TO SPEAK, ON A POWDER KEG, AND RAISE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUESTION OF HOW LONG WE ARE GOING TO LIVE THAT WAY. AND SECONDLY, IT SHOULD CREATE A FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR UNDERTAKING EARNEST NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ROAD TOWARDS DISARMAMENT. AT THE BEGINNING THERE WILL CERTAINLY BE SMALL STEPS, FOR EXAMPLE: NOT TO PRODUCE THE NEUTRON BOMB. TRUE, THE BOMB CONCERNS THE TWO GREAT POWERS ONLY, AND THE REST OF THE WORLD COULD NOT CARE LESS WHETHER THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE IT OR NOT* FOR THE WORLD IT IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAT THE NUCLEAR POWERS SHOULD BE FORCED TO ENDORSE THE PRINCIPLE THAT THEY WILL NOT BE THE FIRST TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, OR TO ENDORSE THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, EXCEPT IN SELF-DEFENSE, ALTHOUGH THIS IS VERY MUCH SUBJECT TO RELATIVE INTERPRETATIONS".
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